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Welcome

Welcome to our fourth issue of Occupy Sydney Zine!

I am so grateful that we have this platform to express our views. I am enjoying how each week the Zine seems to come together like magic. Please keep sending in your ideas, contributions and feedback.

Next week on Wednesday 16th 10am Westfield is holding their AGM at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth 61-101 Phillip St across from Chifley Plaza.

Global Action Day Saturday May 12, Occupy Parramatta, Free School, Occupy the Screen & Rally 2.30pm at Kings X Cop Shop to Stop Brutality.

This is *your* platform to share & show what Occupy Sydney means to you. The submissions in this zine are the opinions of individual Occupiers. All copy rights & ownership remain with these individuals.

Please feel welcome to contribute & add *your* voice & views.

It is only when we share in the commons do we bond as a community, so let us all share in the commons of the people's media & discover what we can create together.

A big thank you to Hugo, Nicole, Liam, Rohan, Maloë, Rossie & Else for your articles, reports, poems, photos & images. I am so very grateful to work on this project with your talents!

Much Love & Support xx Bern

Your Submissions & Feedback

Please put "Submission" or "Feedback" in the subject heading & submit your contributions by Wednesdays to OccupySydneyZine@gmail.com

so it can be ready for printing by Occupy Fridays

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COCA: The NSW Reichstag Fire Decree

"Right now your government is doing things you think only other governments do."

-- Anonymous

"The spectre of a police state lurks here… This is especially a time for vigilance in NSW. Someone once described it as the price of liberty."

-- Nicholas Cowdery AM QC, Former NSW DPP

"These laws strip away fundamental legal rights such as freedom of association, the presumption of innocence, open court hearings and the right of appeal. Then they can be used against any group or individual."

-- Ferret, Sergeant-at-Arms Finks MC & UMCA Spokesperson

Some have accused Occupy Sydney of being radical, but the ironic fact is that the most radical departures from the rule of law are happening right now, in the form of new laws passed by the government; laws blindly supported by both major political parties.

The Criminal Organisation Control Act 2012 (COCA) is rehashed from the 2009 bill of the same name, which along with the amendments to the Crimes act (Consorting and Organised Crime), have been framed as the "bike laws" by politicians and the media. I urge you to read the full contents of these bills to verify that what is written in this article – don't take the word of the bikies, or the NSW law society or the NSW bar association or the former NSW DPP or any of the many other people who have spoken out against these laws; read COCA -

http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/nswbills.nsf/0/E7BA39781A9AE669CA2579A400147924 and the amendments to the crimes act (Consorting and Organised Crime);

http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/nswbills.nsf/6355a6928b367630ca256e6700008afa/78ba9fab337ef090ca2579a400142147?OpenDocument

COCA will give an unelected official, the NSW Police Commissioner, unprecedented power to declare a group of three or more people to be a criminal organisation. Once a group has been declared criminal, innocent people can face severe penalties of between 3-15 years imprisonment for associating, participating or consorting with members of that group. Consorting can include anything from connecting on facebook, twitter or even just sending SMS.

The test of what constitutes a criminal organisation is determined on a balance of probabilities, potentially in secret, without the accused party necessarily being present or hearing the evidence against them. An "organisation" can include almost anything. Members can be from interstate or overseas. The group does not need to be based in NSW. A person can be considered a member of a group, even if they don't identify themselves as belonging to the group or have any official membership status.

Nowhere in the act are bikies or motorcycle clubs ever mentioned. This is not a select law for a select few; it can be applied at the whim of the Police Commissioner to any group or individual. Nowhere in the act is it necessary for rulings or applications to be made open and public to the extent they have been

publicized and talked about in the case of the bikies. The register of declared criminal organisations may, at the whim of the Police Commissioner, be kept secret from the public. The secret evidence presented in the application, can also be kept secret – even if the ruling Judge finds no reason for the evidence to be secret. If the lawmakers are satisfied that these new laws are right and just, why did they feel it necessary to include an immunity clause that absolves them from any criminal or civil liability?

Many of us at Occupy, still have these old-fashioned ideas about the right to a fair and open trial, the right to the presumption of innocence and natural justice. Many of us still hold onto an old-fashioned idea that a criminal is a person who has been found guilty of committing a crime, and that a crime is something that harms others.

Many of us still hold onto an old-fashioned idea that the deprivation of liberty is sufficient punishment and that permanently cutting off convicted criminals from their friends and family after they have served their gaol sentence, and to exclude those people from working in fourteen different industries, would be punishment of a cruel and unusual sort to both the convicted person and their friends, family and other members of the community who are innocent. But this cruel punishment is not limited to convicted criminals; members of declared organizations, those who have not been convicted of any crime, will also be punished in the same way - as will their friends and family or anyone in the community who engages with them.

When David Clarke MLC introduced the amendments to "modernize the offence of consorting", he gave the example of a locksmith who changes the locks for a declared group – that the locksmith will now be committing an offence. The legislation is such, that the locksmith can be guilty even if he does not know that the group has been declared criminal, and even if he diligently attempts to do a check on each and every person he is called to change locks for; it can be practicably impossible for him to find out. That doesn't matter, he can still be found guilty of an offence – and would, in effect, loose his license to be a locksmith forever more. This absurd scenario is clearly an affront to justice, yet this is the scenario proposed by David Clark MLC when he commended the bill to the house.

COCA and the consorting amendments are such badly written laws that one must wonder if a police state will be brought about through conspiracy or blunder. These laws are unjust, unfair and unnecessary. Fortunately, they are so badly conceived, so clearly unconstitutional, they are unlikely to survive a high court challenge and should be defeated just as the 2009 bill was defeated. While politicians spout Orwellian rhetoric and beat their chests – the ultimate cost of these laws will most probably be in the millions of dollars of legal fees and other resources wasted unnecessarily; money and resources that could be put to far better use. That would be the best outcome, but it may well be worse. A precedent could, in effect, legitimise COCA and the consorting laws.

Over the past 6 months at Occupy Sydney we have seen police use violence and intimidation to break up our peaceful protest. (Has the violence been as severe as in some countries? Of course not, but that shouldn't make it acceptable)

This is not a matter of conjecture or opinion; the facts have been tested and proven in court. Police have made illegal arrests. Police have acted beyond their powers. And these actions have been undertaken to impose a political curfew - to stifle dissent. Motorcycle clubs might be the first organisations declared under COCA, but who will be next? Occupy? Wikileaks? Lock-The-Gate?

The more disturbing question is how did it even come to this? How did such heinous laws get the support of both major political parties and also the media?

What else are we sleepwalking into?

Submitted by Anon

COCA and Consorting Facts

(not an exhaustive list):

The rules of evidence do not apply

Evidence can be heard in secret, in a closed court.

Facts are decided on the balance of probabilities

Only the Police Commissioner can make an application for a group to be declared criminal.

The accused party does not need to be present at the hearing.

The accused party does not need to be informed directly of the accusation.

The Commissioner can refuse any person from being present at the hearing, including members of the accused organisation.

The eligible Judge can decide an organisation is criminal on the basis of any information suggesting that a link exists between the organisation and serious criminal activity.

A person who participates in a criminal group (as defined above) and directs any activities of that group, without even knowing that the group has been declared criminal and without even committing criminal acts, can face 15years imprisonment.

It is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that an association would have led to the commission of any offence.

Copy-and-pasted laws of the same kind are being rolled out across other states.

The Crown, the Attorney General, the Commissioner and any other persons exercising functions under COCA claim to be immune from civil or criminal liability

EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF FASCISM

Powerful and Continuing
NATIONALISM

DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMIES / SCAPEGOATS
as a Unifying Cause

SUPREMACY OF THE MILITARY

RAMPANT SEXISM

CONTROLLED MASS MEDIA

OBSESSION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT
are Intertwined

CORPORATE POWER IS PROTECTED

LABOR POWER IS SUPPRESSED

DISDAIN FOR INTELLECTUALS & THE ARTS

OBSESSION WITH CRIME & PUNISHMENT

RAMPANT CRONYISM & CORRUPTION

FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS

Submitted by Nicole

Why work ?

Why work for a system that doesn't Work for you ?

Why believe in a system that doesn't believe in you ?

Capitalism is fear
Fear that if we don't own or control everything
Everything will turn on us!

I got news for you, bad things happen whether you own them or not.

One of the greatest things a person can do is let go of their fear, it has a way of controlling you if you do not control it.

Those who hate others mostly hate themselves, like fear, hate must be let go otherwise it poisons the soul.

Submitted by Liam Kesteven

Pink Floyd at occupy Sydney

Photo by Liam Kesteven

OCCUPY SYDNEY FREE SCHOOL

SAT 12 MAY 12pm-2.30pm

65a Martin Place, near Macquarie St

Dear community

The next Free School will be about making decisions about its future. We are interested in making both decisions about Free School and educational practice itself as democratic as possible with you, and we therefore hope that the people who have come along and participated in it play an important role in deciding its future.

Popular education in which we discuss issues affecting our lives and those of others, spread ideas of resistance, debate tactics and build solidarity with one another is something that has real value both in Sydney and elsewhere.

We would like to talk about how Free School could be changed and improved (such as in terms of structure and new ideas for workshops and how they are facilitated), whether new people want to be involved in organising it and whether or not it should continue.

Dany Boulos will run a session on *´Occupy as a Transformative Learning Experience´*, then Dany will facilitate the Future of Free School session TBC…

This Free School will run from 12pm to 2.30pm, email us on occupysydneyfreeschool@gmail.com if you want to contribute to this or run a workshop in the future :-)

In solidarity,

The Free School working group

PS After this we will go to Kings Cross police station to protest cops brutality, we would like to come with you

PPS And from 7pm Occupy the Screen Martin Pl, to watch together We Are the 99% and Strategies of Struggle from Below}

https://www.facebook.com/events/218769331565397/

Why The System Isn't Broken

(...But Why We Should Still Want Change)

- by Rohan Best

In the first week Occupy Sydney (OS), that glorious week which saw a mass of people assemble in Martin Place and begin to discuss radical ideas of how we could create a more equitable society, a slogan became one of the main catchphrases of the occupation. "*The System Is Broken – We Want Change!*" Amongst all the anarchists, socialists, environmentalists, hippies, punks, parents, the old and young, those from political parties and the many more who were not politically aligned in any way, this simple phrase united us all (and, depending on who you ask, was one of the only things we could agree on).

But is the system really broken?

Capitalism is designed to be inequitable. Saying that the system is broken when it is inherently designed that way is like wondering why your food is too spicy when the main ingredient is chilli. The system is not broken, in fact, the system is doing very well!

One of the central tenants of *Capitalism* is private ownership of the means of production. It is written into the ideology that a small elite will *own* the money making apparatuses of society and thus will *own* the profits it generates. Those who cannot own a money making business (or cannot be completely removed from the system and live a self-sustaining lifestyle) are forced to sell their labour to those who can. Whether it's manual labour, making coffees, cleaning floors or serving customers, the bulk of the money you generate for whatever business you work for, goes into the pockets of your boss or your company's owner.

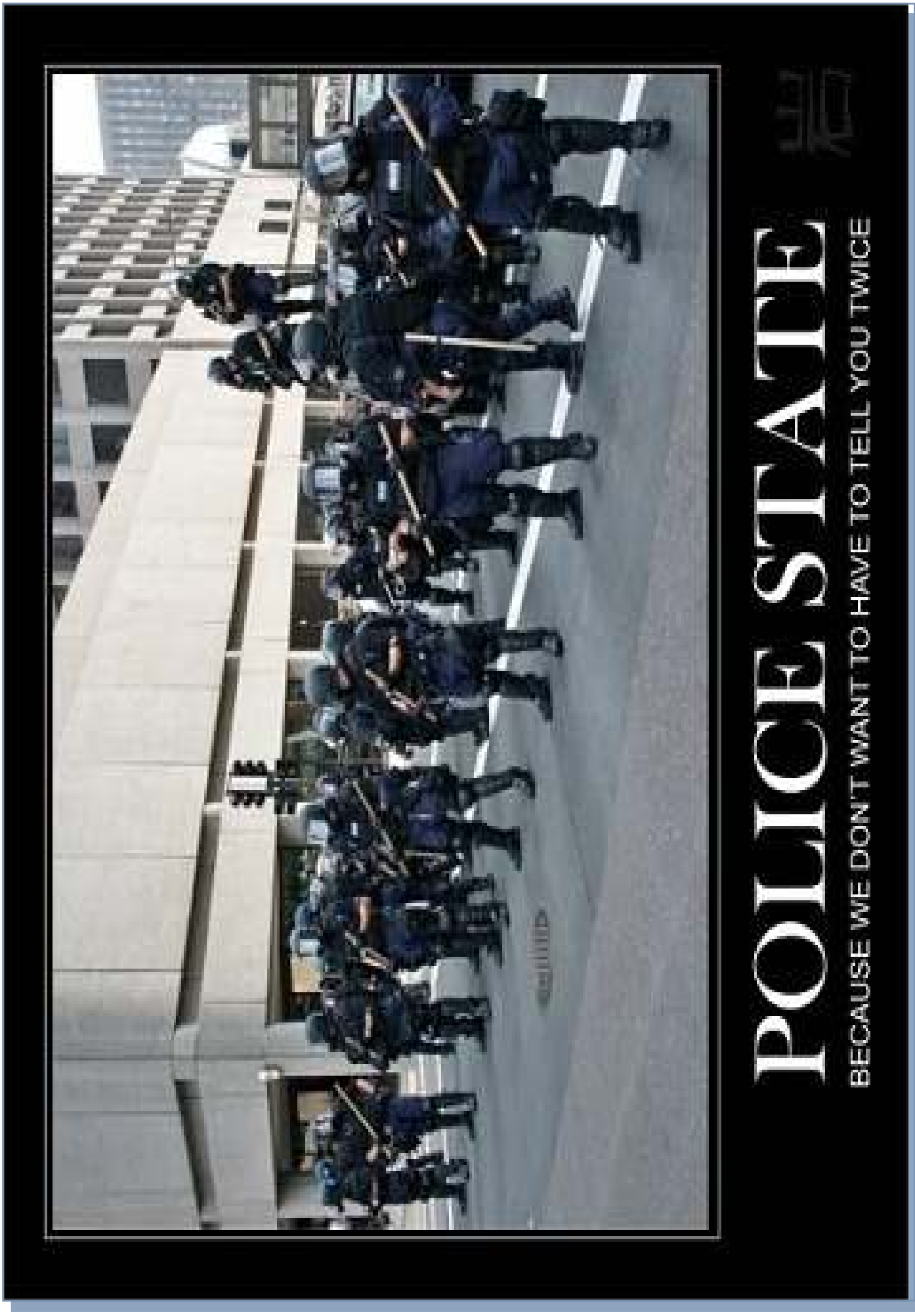
The class system inherent in *Capitalism* (i.e. the ruling class who own the means of production and the underclass who must sell their labour to survive) creates a struggle of counterposing forces. As employees, we want to work less hours for more pay. As employers, our bosses want us to work more hours for less pay. This is why those who are promoted to managerial positions are all slave drivers with no social skills. We think they are shit bosses but seen through the eyes of *Capitalism*, they are all well deserving of their promotions. The best bosses are those who can kiss the arses of

those above and kick the arses of those bellow. It is no coincidence then that every boss you've ever had was an arsehole who didn't care about the staff under them. And that one exception, the one who didn't mind if you slacked off or took 20 toilet breaks in a 5 hour shift, that manager will never be promoted above their current level regardless of the respect and admiration they have from other staff. And, if they do happen to *own* the company, capitalist logic dictates that they will soon be driven out of business by more ruthless competitors (who will incidentally be rewarded by society and seen as good, shrewd businessmen despite the misery they have caused).

Bosses and owners must be ruthless and must not care about employees in order to survive. This stems from the other central tenant of *Capitalism*: money is invested in something which generates more money. This is when money becomes capital, an idea which is similar to when you hear “she was able to *capitalise* on the situation”. If your *investment* is larger than your return or profits, your business won't survive in a capitalist society. Staff wages and benefits are of course part of a business's *investments*. So when we see jobs being cut yet record profits being made, we should not say “the system is broken” because this is just a sign of healthy *Capitalism*.

Remember when the local grocery store went out of business because a Coles or Woolworths opened up? Or when your rent was raised even though nothing was done to the place which would actually add value? Or when you could only get casual employment just so your boss could cut your hours or even fire you when business was slow? ← all examples of healthy *Capitalism*.

Social inequities are a healthy manifestation of *Capitalism* and so there is no point in reforming an inherently flawed ideology. Is the system broken? Hell no. Do we want change? Fuck yes!!



Submitted by Nicole

22 October 2011, Rally before the first brutal police eviction at 5am Sunday 23 October 2011 Occupy Sydney still Occupies Martin Place
Photo by Bern Ellis

A poem about another occupation

(daytime, fasting, under military regime..)

by Rossie Wong, written in April 2012

Una magica / a magic
Poesía / poetry
Escriben y mandan / they write and they send
Por vías a través de / by ways through..
estas maquinas / these machines
En un circulo / in a circle
libros que descansan en el centro / books that rest in the middle
Uno y otra / one and another
leen y comparten / read and share
ofrecen copias / offer copies
Pasa una familia / a family passes through
se queda / it stays
callada pero curiosa / quiet but curious
Están firmes / they are firm
Pura magica / pure magic

La Iris / Iris
Con sus ojos siempre bien abiertos / always with her eyes wide open
Saluda al mundo / says hi to the world
cuida, siembra / looks after and sows seeds
tambien se molesta / she gets annoyed too
pero sobre todo, ama / but above all, she loves

El Felipe / Felipe
Actuando / taking action
está allí / he´s there
No es un gringo / he is not a gringo
No se equivoca / don´t be mistaken

La Adriana / Adriana
Y su hijita / and her little daughter
Con ojos brillantes / with shiny eyes
llenos / full ones

El chiquito /the little one
lo golpeó su hermano / his brother beat him
ya no quiere regresar a la casa / he doesn´t want to go home anymore
Sabe también del maltrato / knows also of the abuse
de las instituciones / of the institutions
Así que / so this way
Está en la calle / he´s on the streets
con nosotr@s / with us

El Juan /Juan
viene a cuidar / comes to look after
chequear la presion / checks the blood pressure
de l@s ayunantes / of the people fasting
l@s abraza / he hugs them
Su cara humilde / his humble face
Este doctor y ser prominente / this doctor and prominent being

El Walter / Walter
Con su camiseta purple / with his purple tshirt
dice derechos humanos / it says human rights
dice trabaja con jóvenes / he says he works with youths
preguntas tiene / he has questions
de mi vida y todo / of my life and all
Apenas te conozco / i barely know you
Tu vida corta / your short life
Te agradezco / i´m grateful to you
Nunca te olvido / ill never forget you
Te quiero te quiero / i love you, i love you
tus luchas son nuestr@s / your struggles are ours
las llevamos / we´ll carry them
Te quiero / we love you

El Jose Luis con sus trenzas / Jose Luis with his braids
Me ofrece su libro / offers me a book
hasta la fecha / to date
se deja la imaginacion / it´s left to the imagination

Este otro, de nombre olvidado / this other one, whose name is forgotten
comparte compañia / shares company
Quiero darme zapatos / wants to give me shoes
hechos por sus manos / made by his hands

la Amanda y la Marlene / Amanda and Marlene
Superenamoradas / so in love
orgullosas / proud
Amanda escribe / amanda writes
la admira el mundo / the world admires her
tiene maquina para respirar / has a machine to breathe
Ahora pasa al otro mundo / now goes to another world
Marlene la maestra / Marlene the teacher
y madre de otra / and mother to another
la extraña / she misses her

El Israel viene con sus ideas / Israel comes with his ideas
Altas y vivas / loud and alive

El té de jamaica / the hibiscus tea
y los licuados incontables / and the countless smoothies
Un espacio para defender / a space to defend

Un estudiante ambiental / an environmental student
vamos junt@s a ver / we go together to see
A dar bienvenidos al regresado / to give welcomes to the returned

Un abogado que nunca recuerdo su nombre / a lawyer whose name i never remember
? Enrique?
Me abraza / he hugs me
Tomamos una foto / we take a photo

El Andrés
Me pasa su camara / he passes me his camera
Toma toma / take it take it
sacar los chepos y chavas / photo the cops and the soldiers

Pasa Oscar / Oscar comes by
y su papa / and his dad
Te entregamos una camiseta / we give you a tshirt
Igual que la mia / the same as mine
dice Honduras no queremos golpistas / it says Honduras doesn´t want coup mongers

Otra mujer indígena / an indigenous woman
me mencionó de un regalito / mentioned a gift to me

2 mujeres / 2 women
dijeron / said
Eran sorprendidas / they were surprised
Que hace mi nieta aca? / what is my granddaughter doing here?
solo que no soy ella / only I am not her

La abuelita / the granny
en la calle / on the street
Aun no tan famosa / not yet so famous
Siempre con un solo color / always with just one colour
sea rojo, azul o cualquiera / whether it be red, blue or anything
Misteriosa / mysterious

Lo de alcalde / the one from the council
viene hostigar / comes to harrass
Saque la mencion del golpe dice / take out the mention of the coup he said
Luego que ya no hay permiso / afterwards that there was no permission anymore
para la carpa / for the tent

Pero seguimos / but we keep going
Finalizado / ended
Por el toque de queda / by the curfew
Una semana nutrida y lítida / a nourished and vivid week
en septiembre de 2009 / in september 2009
Parque Central, Tegucigalpa (Central Park, Tegucigalpa)
Con sus paredes manchadas y remanchadas / with its walls painted on and repainted on

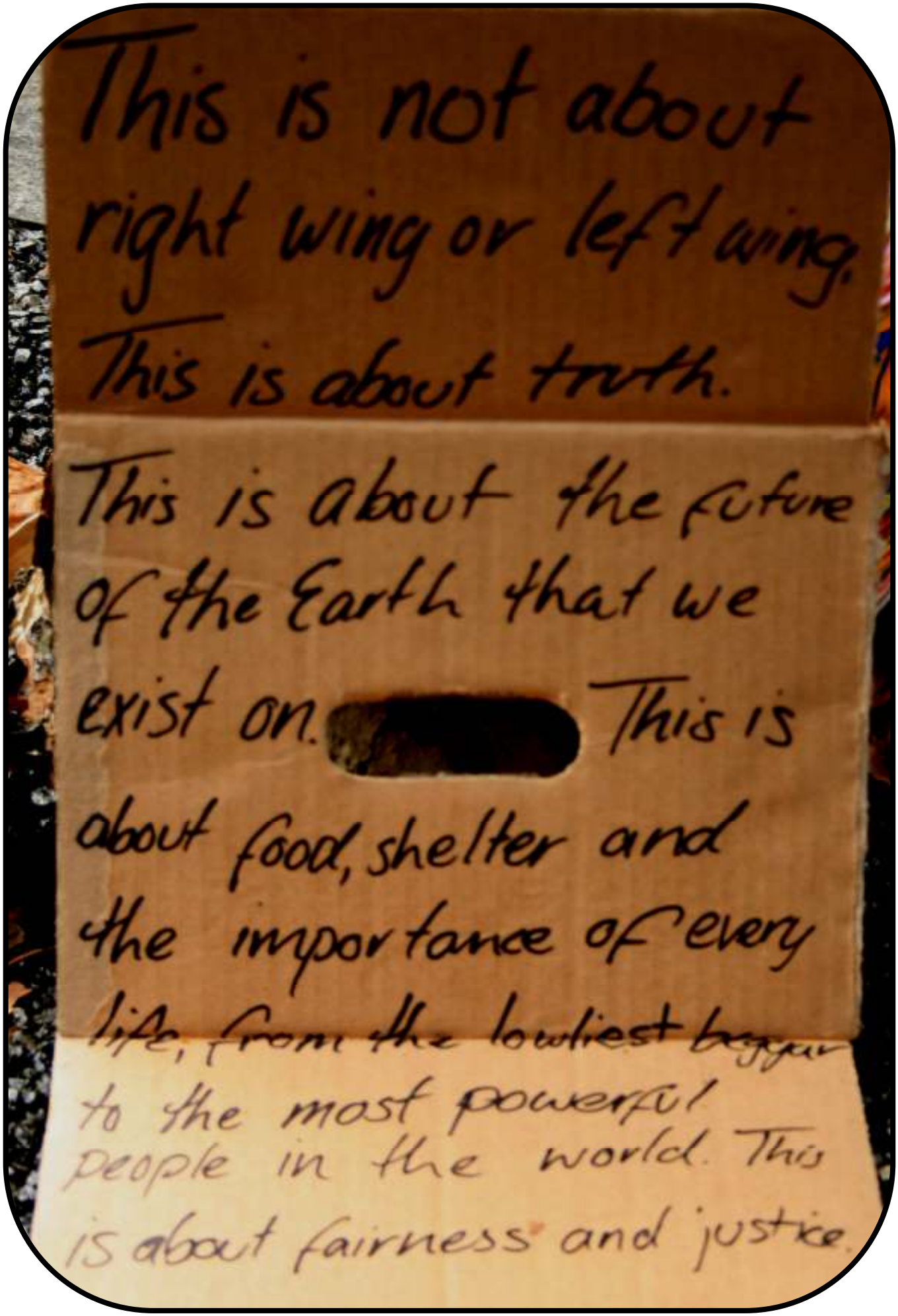

This is not about
right wing or left wing.
This is about truth.
This is about the future
of the Earth that we
exist on. [redacted] This is
about food, shelter and
the importance of every
life, from the lowliest beggar
to the most powerful
people in the world. This
is about fairness and justice.

Photo from singsforchange.tumblr.com by Bern Ellis

Occupy the Screen

May 12, 7pm at Martin Place, Sydney

Join us on May 12 to celebrate the work of local filmmakers who have produced documentaries about global movements for change. Come to Occupy Sydney at Martin Place for an open air, solar-powered screening of independent films featuring short films "We are the 99%" by Shabnam Hameed,"Bin Wars" by Huck and feature film "Strategies of Struggle from Below" by Frank Knarf. Food Not Bombs will be serving dinner by donation. Film cost - free or by donation. BYO cushion or blanket.

We are the 99% is about (extra)ordinary working people who struggle to change the system in the wake of the global financial crisis. Filmed in New York, the short film interviews people involved in Occupy Wall Street and reflects on the role of the occupation in the broader context of the Occupy movement. (Trailor - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un3v6qbZw9o)

Strategies of Struggle from below is an experimental documentary exploring diverse forms of social organisation in different regions in the beautiful, unique but complex country of Colombia. Street art, technology, education, direct action and international solidarity are some of the tools used by artists, students, indigenous groups, unions and other social grassroots organisations to challenge the dominant social relations of neoliberal policy – lowering of working conditions, generalised repression, impunity individualism and competition.

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From an Email by Else to Occupy2Organise

The Story of Your Enslavement

From Freedomain Radio, the largest and most popular philosophy conversation in the world.

http://www.freedomainradio.com

YouTube - http://youtu.be/Xbp6umQT58A (Content Warning: some images are disturbing)

This is the story of your enslavement; how it came to be, and you can finally be free.

Like all animals, human beings want to dominate and exploit the resources around them. At first, we mostly hunted and fished and ate off the land - but then something magical and terrible happened to our minds. We became, alone among the animals, afraid of death, and of future loss. And this was the start of a great tragedy, and an even greater possibility… You see, when we became afraid of death, of injury, and imprisonment, we became controllable -- and so valuable -- in a way that no other resource could ever be.

The greatest resource for any human being to control is not natural resources, or tools, or animals or land -- but other human beings. You can frighten an animal, because animals are afraid of pain in the moment, but you cannot frighten an animal with a loss of liberty, or with torture or imprisonment in the future, because animals have very little sense of tomorrow. You cannot threaten a cow with torture, or a sheep with death. You cannot swing a sword at a tree and scream at it to produce more fruit, or hold a burning torch to a field and demand more wheat. You cannot get more eggs by threatening a hen - but you can get a man to give you his eggs by threatening him.

Human farming has been the most profitable -- and destructive -- occupation throughout history, and it is now reaching its destructive climax. Human society cannot be rationally understood until it is seen for what it is: a series of farms where human farmers own human livestock. Some people get confused because governments provide healthcare and water and education and roads, and thus imagine that there is some benevolence at work. Nothing could be further from reality. Farmers provide healthcare and irrigation and training to their livestock. Some people get confused because we are allowed certain liberties, and thus imagine that our government protects our freedoms. But farmers plant their crops a certain distance apart to increase their yields -- and will allow certain animals larger stalls or fields if it means they will produce more meat and milk.

In your country, your tax farm, your farmer grants you certain freedoms not because he cares about your liberties, but because he wants to increase his profits. Are you beginning to see the nature of the cage you were born into?

There have been four major phases of human farming.

The first phase, in ancient Egypt, was direct and brutal human compulsion. Human bodies were controlled, but the creative productivity of the human mind remained outside the reach of the whip and the brand and the shackles. Slaves remained woefully underproductive, and required enormous resources to control.

The second phase was the Roman model, wherein slaves were granted some capacity for freedom, ingenuity and creativity, which raised their productivity. This increased the wealth of Rome, and thus the tax income of the Roman government - and with this additional wealth, Rome became an empire, destroying the economic freedoms that fed its power, and collapsed. I'm sure that this does not seem entirely unfamiliar.

After the collapse of Rome, the feudal model introduced the concept of livestock ownership and taxation. Instead of being directly owned, peasants farmed land that they could retain as long as they paid off the local warlords. This model broke down due to the continual subdivision of productive land, and was destroyed during the Enclosure movement, when land was consolidated, and hundreds of thousands of peasants were kicked off their ancestral lands, because new farming techniques made larger farms more productive with fewer people.

The increased productivity of the late Middle Ages created the excess food required for the expansion of towns and cities, which in turn gave rise to the modern Democratic model of human ownership. As

displaced peasants flooded into the cities, a huge stock of cheap human capital became available to the rising industrialists - and the ruling class of human farmers quickly realized that they could make more money by letting their livestock choose their own occupations.

Under the Democratic model, direct slave ownership has been replaced by the Mafia model. The Mafia rarely owns businesses directly, but rather sends thugs around once a month to steal from the business "owners." You are now allowed to choose your own occupation, which raises your productivity - and thus the taxes you can pay to your masters. Your few freedoms are preserved because they are profitable to your owners.

The great challenge of the Democratic model is that increases in wealth and freedom threaten the farmers. The ruling classes initially profit from a relatively free market in capital and labor, but as their livestock become more used to their freedoms and growing wealth, they begin to question why they need rulers at all. Ah well. Nobody ever said that human farming was easy.

Keeping the tax livestock securely in the compounds of the ruling classes is a three phase process.

The first is to indoctrinate the young through government "education." As the wealth of democratic countries grew, government schools were universally inflicted in order to control the thoughts and souls of the livestock.

The second is to turn citizens against each other through the creation of dependent livestock.
It is very difficult to rule human beings directly through force -- and where it can be achieved, it remains cripplingly underproductive, as can be seen in North Korea. Human beings do not breed well or produce efficiently in direct captivity.

If human beings believe that they are free, then they will produce much more for their farmers. The best way to maintain this illusion of freedom is to put some of the livestock on the payroll of the farmer. Those cows that become dependent on the existing hierarchy will then attack any other cows who point out the violence, hypocrisy and immorality of human ownership.

Freedom is slavery, and slavery is freedom.

If you can get the cows to attack each other whenever anybody brings up the reality of their situation, then you don't have to spend nearly as much controlling them directly. Those cows who become dependent upon the stolen largess of the farmer will violently oppose any questioning of the virtue of human ownership -- and the intellectual and artistic classes, always and forever dependent upon the farmers -- will say, to anyone who demands freedom from ownership: "You will harm your fellow cows." The livestock are kept enclosed by shifting the moral responsibility for the destructiveness of a violent system to those who demand real freedom.

The third phase is to invent continual external threats, so that the frightened livestock cling to the "protection" of the farmers. This system of human farming is now nearing its end. The terrible tragedy of the modern American system has occurred not in spite of, but because of past economic freedoms. The massive increases in American wealth throughout the 19th century resulted from economic freedom -- and it was this very increase in wealth that fed the size and power of the state.

Whenever the livestock become exponentially more productive, you get a corresponding increase in the number of farmers and their dependents. The growth of the state is always proportional to the preceding economic freedoms. Economic freedoms create wealth, and the wealth attracts more thieves and political parasites, whose greed then destroys the economic freedoms. In other words, freedom metastasizes the cancer of the state.

The government that starts off the smallest will always end up the largest. This is why there can be no viable and sustainable alternative to a truly free and peaceful society. A society without political rulers, without human ownership, without the violence of taxation and statism…

To be truly free is both very easy, and very hard.

We avoid the horror of our enslavement because it is painful to see it directly. We dance around the violence of our dying system because we fear the attacks of our fellow livestock.
But we can only be kept in the cages we refuse to see.

Wake up… To see the farm is to leave it.

Tax

Poem By Anonymous

Tax his land,
Tax his bed,
Tax the table
At which he's fed.

Tax his work,
Tax his pay,
He works for peanuts
Anyway!

Tax his cow,
Tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
Tax his coat.

Tax his tobacco,
Tax his drink,
Tax him if he
Tries to think..

Tax his car,
Tax his gas,
Find other ways
To tax his ass.

Tax all he has
Then let him know
That you won't be done
Till he has no dough.

When he screams and
hollers;
Then tax him some more,
Tax him till
He's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin,
Tax his grave,
Tax the soil in
Which he's laid.

When he's gone,
Do not relax,
It's time to apply
The inheritance tax.

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Submitted by Nicole

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 **GENERAL STRIKE** **No** Work, School, Shopping, Banking, Housework!	2 6.30pm GA MP	3	4 Occupy Friday's & Movie Night	5 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP	6
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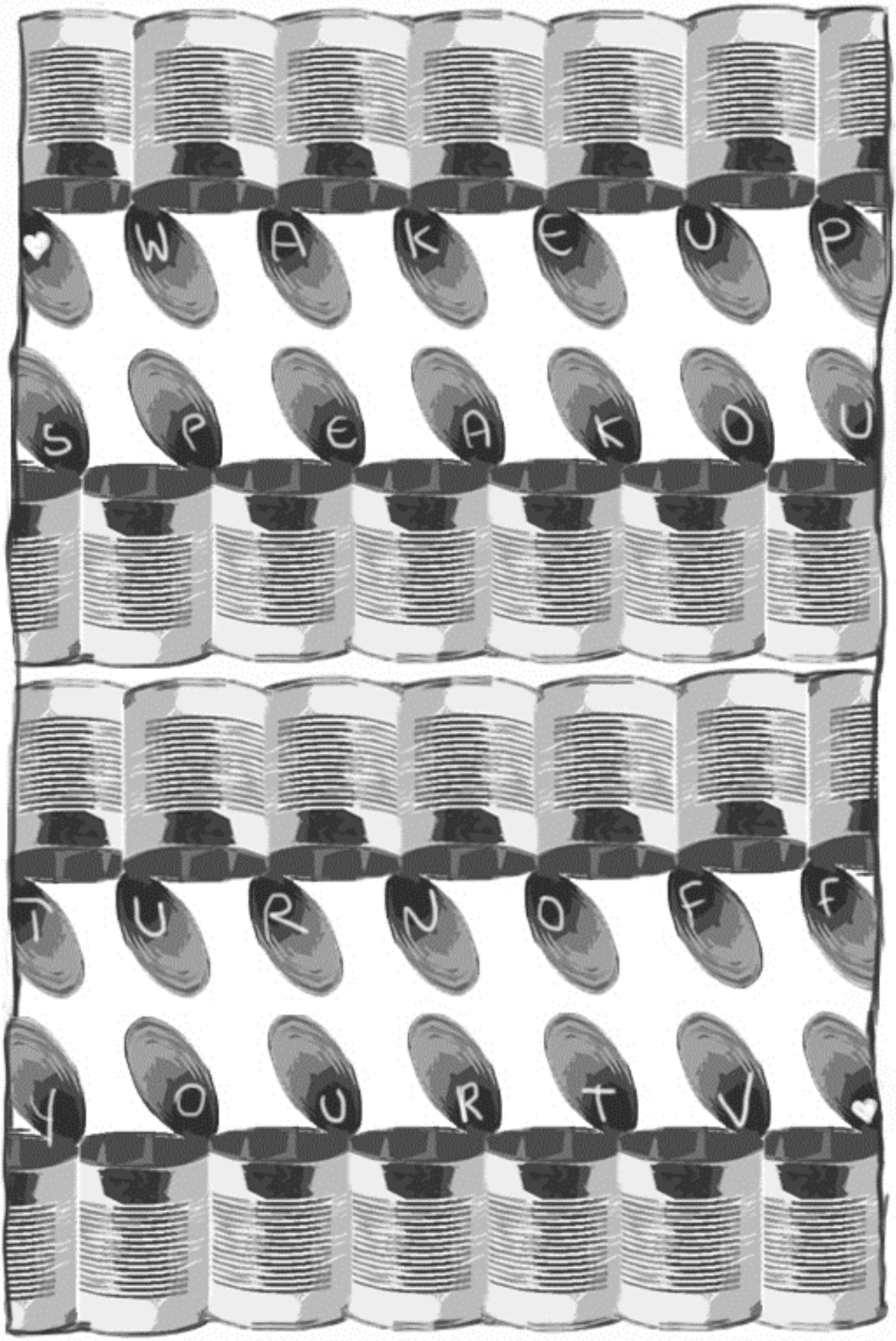

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